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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In response to the Final rejection dated August 28, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A method for forwarding packets to a network, comprising the steps of:

providing a packet forwarding system with a memory, said packet forwarding system being connected to the network;

5 receiving an analog signal and generating local audio packets;